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Subject: Re: Pre-submission meeting in early December

Given the FI trip and folks schedules, let's stick to the 10th. If there is a shutdown that effects EPA, we won't be able to meet. If Oxitec needs to reschedule now or in the future, we will work with them to find another time.

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On Nov 28, 2018, at 10:43 AM, Reynolds, Alan <Reynolds.Alan@epa.gov> wrote:

I thought the potential shutdown next month was only for a few agencies (i.e., a "partial" shutdown). Is EPA one of the affected agencies? I thought we had a budget approved for the whole fiscal year, but I could be wrong.

Regardless, I'm still recommending we keep the meeting to the 10th. I don't think we can expect to realign multiple peoples' schedules based on a shutdown that may or may not happen.

From: Bohnenblust, Eric
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Thoughts on Keith's point below? I can point out that our previous administrator did find funds to keep EPA open during the shutdown, but that is not certain.

Otherwise my only other answer is no it cannot happen if we are shutdown.

I certainly understand their worry and several others here have voiced that concern about a potential shutdown.

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Subject: RE: Pre-submission meeting in early December

Eric,

I'm monitoring the impending developments regarding the status of the U.S. Government come midnight 07 December. As you know, there is what appears to be an ever-increasing possibility of a temporary cessation of U.S. Government functions at that time, which may carry over to -- and past -- 10 December. Am I correct that if there is a cessation of U.S.G. operations that this meeting could not take place on 10 December?

If that is the case, it would be a significant concern as Oxitec is planning on having a number of individuals travel to Crystal City for this meeting.

Given this possibility, could you look again at the possibility of having this meeting on the 7th? I appreciate that this may require some individuals to change their schedules, but, given the real possibility of the meeting not being able to occur on the 10th (that, of course, is subject to your confirmation), scheduling the meeting on the 7th, if possible, could avoid the circumstance of the meeting being cancelled at significant inconvenience to Oxitec. I note that, given the fluid and fractious nature of these disputes on Capitol Hill, there really is not an option of scheduling the meeting for after the 10th, as there is no way of knowing when the dispute may end.

We much appreciate your looking into this.

Best,

Keith

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Tricia,

I have a meeting scheduled for 1 hour starting at 2 pm on Monday Dec. 10. Could you let me know who will be attending for Oxitec and if you will have legal counsel in attendance?

I will provide a call-in number at a later time in-case some people will be calling in.

Thanks.

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Subject: Pre-submission meeting in early December

Hi Eric,

Oxitec plans to submit an EUP application for its 2nd generation *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, OX5034, and we would like to request a pre-submission meeting in early December. Given that Oxitec will be in Florida during OPP's visit on 3-6 December, we would like to propose a meeting for Friday, 7 Dec or Monday, 10 Dec at EPA's office.....if possible, our preferred date is 7 Dec. Please let us know if any of these dates work for you.

As discussed, Keith will be in touch to arrange a drop off time.

With best regards,

Tricia

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